



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION VII
324 EAST ELEVENTH STREET
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI 64106

Site	Big River Mine
ID#	MO981126899
Break	1.1
Other	12-22-80

December 22, 1980

Mr. Robert Schreiber
Director
Missouri Department of Natural Resources
1014 Madison Street
P. O. Box 1368
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

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Dear Mr. Schreiber

As you well know, the President has signed the "Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980," also known as "Superfund," which provides a \$1.6 Billion fund for the cleanup of uncontrolled hazardous substance releases. Attached is a copy of the act as enacted by Congress. We are pleased that the Federal government is provided this landmark legislation to permit a more comprehensive response capability to the release of hazardous substances into the environment. We look forward to working with you and your staff in order that effective implementation of Superfund can be realized.

Planning for the enactment of Superfund has occurred extensively in EPA Headquarters and to a lesser degree in the Regional Offices. As a part of this effort, EPA Headquarters has asked the Regions to recommend hazardous waste sites which are suitable for early emergency and/or remedial actions. We understand that as many as 15 to 20 sites nationally will be selected for the development of plans for emergency actions, or for development of engineering designs for remedial actions. We anticipate Congressional appropriations to begin implementation this coming spring.

We have discussed with you or members of your staff those sites to be recommended for emergency or remedial actions, or both. In Missouri, the Ellisville sites, Desloge-Big River Lead Tailings site, and the Fulbright Landfill in Springfield have been recommended for development of emergency action plans. Conservation Chemical in Kansas City and two of the three Ellisville sites have been recommended for remedial action plan development. Your proposal for the use of cleanup funds has been received and we will discuss this in the near future as it relates to anticipated Superfund actions.

Headquarters is currently conducting reviews of information available on the above sites. EPA's Emergency Response Team personnel were in the Regional Office on December 16, 1980, reviewing our files. Followup site visits may be scheduled very soon, and we hope that your staff will assist in verifying the significance of these candidates. It is essential that your office and this Region coordinate the availability of this information and that we agree upon the sites ultimately selected for response action under Superfund.

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aspect of the Superfund legislation may be of particular interest to you in program planning. Please refer to Section 104 (c) which limits response authority to \$1,000,000 or six months elapsed time unless the State has signed a contract or cooperative agreement with the President. This agreement must provide that the State will assure 1) future maintenance of the removal and remedial action, 2) the availability of a hazardous waste disposal facility acceptable to the President, and 3) that the State will pay 10 per centum, in some cases up to 50 per centum, of the costs of remedial action. You will be advised of legislative interpretations of this section as well as for the entire Act as they become available. I suggest that you review existing State legislative authority to assess your ability to participate in Superfund action.

Thank you for your cooperation in this regards. If you have additional questions regarding the list of sites, please contact me at 816/374-5493. The member of my staff who is most familiar with this subject, James Foil, 816/374-6840, can also provide additional information.

Sincerely yours,

William Rose

for Kathleen Q. Camin, Ph.D.
Regional Administrator

Attachment

cc Fred Lafser, MDNR